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Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: *Petition for Arbitration of XO Tennessee, Inc. with BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of
1996*
Docket No. 03-00630

*Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement between
BellSouth and XO Tennessee, Inc.*
Docket No. 03-00631

Dear Chairman Tate:

In connection to the above-captioned arbitration petitions, XO and BellSouth jointly request that the Authority appoint a mediator to assist the parties in these proceedings.¹

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: 
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Cc: Guy Hicks

¹ Section 252(a)(2) of the federal Telecommunications Act provides that a party “may, at any point in the negotiation [of an interconnection agreement] ask a state commission to participate in the negotiation and to mediate any differences arising in the course of the negotiation.”